

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 080808

63

ORIGIN EB-03

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /004 R

66618

DRAFTED BY EB:NLPAZDRAL:DA

APPROVED BY EB:JLKATZ, ACTING

----- 064969

P 092140Z APR 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 080808

PASS ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT SAIGON 4414 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DTD 7 APR 75

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SAIGON 4414

PASS NSC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID SREF VS

SUBJECT: PL-480 RICE FOR EMERGENCY REFUGEE NEEDS

REF: (A) SAIGON 3516; (B) SAIGON 3743; (C) STATE 72270;

(D) STATE 75747; (E) SAIGON 4338 (F) SAIGON 4252

1. 100,000 MT TITLE II RICE WAS REQUESTED BY REFS A AND B IN ORDER TO PROVIDE, FIRST, AN IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE REQUIREMENT THEN EMERGING AT DANANG AND, SECONDLY, A PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVT OF SVN.

2. PROMPT APPROVAL CONVEYED BY REF C HAS ACCOMPLISHED THD

L

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 080808

TTER OBJECTIVE AS EVIDENCED BY DPTY PRIMIN FOR ECON DEVELOPMENT

NGUYEN VAN HAO'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON APR 3 OF USG'S "LESS THAN ONE WEEK RESPONSE" TO GVN'S EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR RICE FOR RELIEF PURPOSES. HAO DESCRIBED THE RESPONSE AS A "NOBLE ACT AND IMPORTANT GESTURE UNDER PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES."

3. THE FIRST OBJECTIVE WAS OVERTAKEN BY MILITARY EVENTS. NEVERTHELESS, RICE WILL STILL BE NEEDED FOR EXISTING REFUGEES, FOR OTHER THAT WILL FILTER IN AND FOR THOSE THAT MAY BE GENERATED BY THE FIGHTING IN MRS III AND IV. WE BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE ENTIRE 100,000 MT IN RESDRV TO COVER FORESEEABLE CONTINGENCIES, WHICH COULD INCLUDE THE ISOLATION OF SAIGON.

4. UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES ACCURATE AND CONSISTENT RECORDS AND REPORTS ARE NOT READILY AVIALABLE AS MOST PERSONNEL ARE COMPLETELY OCCUPIED WITH MERELY GETTING REFUGEES AND SUPPLIES MATCHED UP IN SAFE AREAS. THE GVN CABINET CHANGE HAS ADDED SOME DIFFICULTIES IN WORKING WITH MIDDLE LEVEL OFFICIALS ON THESE MATTERS. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REF D. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE SITUATION IS EVOLVING RAPIDLY AND THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN CURRENT INFO.

5. SINCE 1973 THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE (MSW) HAS USED ONLY LOCAL RICE FOR REFUGEE DISTRIBUTIONS, ALTHOUGH TITLE I RICE HAD BEEN USED EXTENSIVELY BEFORE THAT TIME. WE HAVE JUST TRANSFERRED 341 MT TITLE I STOCKS TO TITLE II FOR REFUGEES ON PHU QUOC. IN ADDITION, SINCE MARCH 28 THE MSW HAS DRAWN BETWEEN 6,000 AND 9,500 MT OF LOCAL RICE FOR REFUGEE FEEDING FROM THE NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY (NFA).

6. DISTRIBUTION IS NOW PERFORMED BY MSW ON AN AS REQUIRED BASIS. THE NORMAL DAILY RATION IS 500 GRAMS PER PERSON.

7. DAILY REFUGEE SITREPS (REF E IS LATEST AT TIME OF THIS CABLE) PROVIDE MOST CURRENT INFO ON REFUGEE NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS.

8. REF F ADDRESSES COORDINATION BETWEEN MSW, USAID AND VOLAGS IN GENERAL. VOLAGS ROLD IN RFUGEE RELIEF FED
ING EFFORT
IS NOW BEING WORKED OUT.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 080808

MARTIN UNQUOTE
KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PL 480, RICE, REFUGEE RELIEF
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MorefiRH
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE080808
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: NLP AZDRAL:DA
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750124-0325
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750466/aaaacilh.tel
Line Count: 109
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 SAIGON 3516, 75 SAIGON 3743, 75 STATE 72270
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <15 MAY 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <15 MAY 2003 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PL-480 RICE FOR EMERGENCY REFUGEE NEEDS
TAGS: EAID, SREF, VS
To: PARIS
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006